

Defense Operations for State National Disasters, Deployment for Homeland Defense Missions, and Overseas Contingency Operations. Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy was vital for preparing and training soldiers to protect our Nation at the State and national levels.

As a Battalion Commander and Regimental Deputy Commander for the 136th Regional Training Institute, Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy assisted the Texas Army National Guard by training soldiers in professional development and military occupational skills. Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy also dedicated time and effort towards bettering the State of Louisiana through the Louisiana Army National Guard.

While serving in the Army, Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy was deployed to Baghlan Province, Afghanistan as a Combat Advisor and Team Chief for a police mentoring team. He served as the Senior U.S. Army Advisor for the province and assisted in training the Afghan National Police in Security Force operations.

Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy has served his community as a Sergeant with the Dallas Police Department. He also donated his time as an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 83 out of Rockwall, Texas. As an accomplished Eagle Scout, he continues to promote the ideals of hard work and service to future generations.

I am beyond honored to have Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy in Texas' 4th Congressional District and am privileged to award such a distinguished citizen for his sacrifices.

HONORING DOROTHY WALLACE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Dorothy Wallace for her contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022. Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Dorothy Wallace's commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Dorothy Wallace for her contributions to the community and her role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

HONORING SAN ANTONIO NATIVE DR. ERIKA GONZALEZ

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in honor of San Antonio native,

Dr. Erika Gonzalez for her military service to our country and her impact on South Texas. Dr. Gonzalez graciously served on my 2020 Military Service Academy Nomination Board and played an essential role in helping local students begin their military careers.

After graduating magna cum laude from St. Mary's University, Dr. Gonzalez obtained her medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. She returned home after completing 10 years of Active Duty Service as a Medical Officer in the U.S. Air Force.

Dr. Gonzalez is currently the CEO and President of both South Texas Allergy & Asthma Medical Professionals (STAAMP) and STAAMP Clinical Research. She previously served as the Chief of the Allergy, Immunology & Rheumatology division at the Children's Hospital of San Antonio. She was also an Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine.

As an active community leader, Dr. Gonzalez has served on the Board of Directors and as the 2020 and 2021 Immediate Past Chairwoman for the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Directors for Central Catholic High School.

Dr. Gonzalez is an Advisor to the Dean of Science Engineering & Technology at St. Mary's University. At the State and national level, she is on the Stock Epinephrine Committee with the Texas Department of State Health Services and is Co-Chair of Small Business for America's Future.

Dr. Gonzalez founded the nonprofit, Con Corazon SA to address inequities and emergency preparedness in San Antonio and the surrounding area.

Dr. Gonzalez was selected as a 2019 Presidential Leadership Scholar and was appointed by President Joe Biden to serve on the National Medal of Science Committee.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize a member of the San Antonio community who continues to display an immense commitment to public service and whose knowledge and experience have helped usher in the next generation of military leaders. I am grateful for Dr. Gonzalez's service to the United States, and I wish her continued success.

AWARDING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER RALPH O'DELL A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I am honored and privileged to award Chief Warrant Officer Ralph O'Dell with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and sacrifice through the United States Army exemplify his national pride and embodiment as a role-model citizen to serve the country he loves. Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell is truly an ideal candidate to receive the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell served overseas during WWII in the Pacific Theater. He had the ambition of fighting for freedom and democracy across the world. Specifically, Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell's skill set was on

display in New Guinea, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, and the Liberation of the Philippines.

Throughout Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell's 42 years of service in the Army, he served as an Azimuth Tracker where he fired anti-aircraft artillery 40-millimeter guns. In addition to his time on the battlefield, he was a clerk-typist as an instructor in Finance and Personnel.

Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell attended the 4150th U.S. Army Reserve School in Dallas. His expertise was valued by Reserve Units out of Dallas, Waco, and Lubbock.

Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell's time after his military service involves his continued passion to better his community. Organizations such as: Rotary International, Silver-Haired Legislature, Reserve Officers Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and American Legion have all benefited from Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell's knowledge, experience, and dedication.

I am beyond honored to have Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell in Texas' 4th Congressional District and am privileged to award such a distinguished citizen for his sacrifices.

INDIANA INTRODUCTION OF THE FOOD DESERTS ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing the Food Deserts Act of 2022 to help fight hunger and food insecurity in communities across the country.

I'd like to share just one example. In June of 2017, Marsh Supermarkets grocery stores announced the closure of many stores throughout the Midwest. Many of these stores were in my district where many families lack a car or reliable public transportation to get to the nearest grocery alternative, often located over a mile away. Today, thousands of my constituents are still struggling to find the food they need, with many forced to rely on fast-food restaurants and convenience stores.

These options are neither healthy nor affordable.

Sadly, this situation is not unique. Over 29 million people, almost 10 percent of the U.S. population, live without ready access to affordable, nutritious food and over 2 million people have no transportation to get to their nearest store. Many have seen their local stores close during the pandemic. Others lost access years ago and are now facing the serious long-term impacts of obesity, diabetes, malnutrition, and other diet-related ailments.

Unfortunately, residents in these low-income areas tend to spend less on groceries, leaving little financial incentive for traditional grocery chains to make costly investments for new locations.

In the wealthiest country on Earth, nutritious food should be an expectation, not a luxury. That is why I am reintroducing the Food Deserts Act, which creates new avenues to fund stores in underserved communities. This bill will create USDA-funded, State-operated revolving funds that will issue low-interest loans for the operation of grocery stores in food deserts. The bill ensures that recipients of these loans, including for-profit, non-profit

and municipal entities, can provide affordable, healthy food, including fresh produce and staples like milk, bread, and meat. It will also ensure that USDA professionals are available to provide technical assistance to recipients who need it.

Access to healthy food is something that most of us take for granted. But despite our own experiences, we need to remember that millions of our constituents are struggling every day to feed their families. With this market-driven approach, I hope to complement existing Federal programs and efforts around the country by ensuring a stable lending stream for struggling grocery stores and sustainable access to food for communities in need.

Madam Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in supporting this important bill.

HONORING JUI CHITRE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Jui Chitre, my intern who has worked tirelessly serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Jui has proven to be a talented and efficient young woman, always ready to learn something new.

Jui has assisted my office in multiple areas, including communications, appropriations, and constituent engagement. She is an achiever and has shown professionalism in every aspect of her work.

Daughter of Abhay and Sucharita Chitre, Jui is from Virginia. She is a graduate of Virginia Tech, where she earned her bachelor's degree in International Relations with two minors in History and German. At Virginia Tech, she was a member and group leader of Teach for Jamie and the International Relations Organization. During her time in these organizations, she taught German to elementary students and fostered her research abilities.

After her internship in my office, Jui plans to continue working on Capitol Hill, where she intends to use her diverse skills to find solutions to domestic and foreign conflicts.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jui for her present and inevitable success.

HONORING STEVE MANOR, BELOVED EDUCATOR AND PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a local legend, Mr. Steve Manor of Howell, Michigan. For more than 50 years, Steve has served the community as an educator, a city councilmember, an advocate, and a visionary. Universally beloved, Manor is the rare figure who bridges all divides: political, social, and generational. As he comes to the end of his earthly journey, his faithful dedication to Howell has ensured that his imprint

will forever rest on the city. It is, likewise, my privilege to ensure that the life of this history teacher is permanently enshrined in the history of this Nation.

More than five decades of history have passed since a young Steve Manor first walked through the doors of Howell's Michigan Avenue School in 1966. He later taught at Highlander Way Middle School and then Howell High School, retiring in 1998 after 32 years in the classroom.

From public education he turned to public service, to winning a seat on Howell City Council in 1999. Over the next 23 years he served in a variety of roles, including mayor pro tem, chair of the Howell Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and as Howell's delegate to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. Through it all, he conducted himself exactly how a non-partisan elected official should: always looking beyond politics to the city's best interests.

Manor advocated for much-needed investments in infrastructure, worked with developers to make the city more business-friendly, helped revitalize an old alleyway into a picturesque shopping district, and worked with a local company to turn an unused patch of land into a whimsical children's playscape. And somehow he found time to volunteer with dozens of local organizations and causes, including Howell Rotary, Howell Main Street, and the Countryside Veterinary Dog Park.

But as much as he loved the city, Steve was the first to recognize its flaws, and also the first to roll up his sleeves to make improvements. Manor helped start the Howell High School Diversity Club in 1987 in response to a cross burning in the city, and served on the Livingston County Diversity Council for many years; he was deeply committed to helping the city work to rid itself from intolerance and bigotry.

Steve has bravely battled cancer for the past five years, and a servant to the very end, still attended City Council meetings even after requiring home hospice care. He recently stepped down from his beloved council seat, leaving a void no election or appointment can ever fill.

Manor once said that Howell is a special place, because unlike some surrounding communities, it has "a core." That core—a vibrant downtown, healthy neighborhoods, a thriving community—didn't just happen, it happened because Steve Manor worked to make it so. I submit that Steve Manor IS the core of Howell: a rock solid core of selfless service, cultivating seeds of integrity, and bearing fruit for generations to come.

I therefore enter his life of principled leadership into the official record of the United States House of Representatives. It's an example we would all do well to study and commit to memory: the enduring final lesson plan of Steve Manor, beloved teacher.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE DAN FLYNN

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and service of Daniel

Archie Flynn of Van, Texas. Mr. Flynn is survived by his wife Susan, his son Josh, his daughters Tammy and Missy, along with many more grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mr. Flynn's lengthy public service career began as a soldier in the 36th Infantry Division of the Texas Army National Guard during the Vietnam War. In 2005, he joined the Texas State Guard and eventually obtained the rank of Brigadier General, where he later retired.

As a State Representative, first elected in 2002, Mr. Flynn served for nine consecutive terms until 2020. During his tenure, he built an impressive portfolio of legislative achievements, including expanding transparency in State government, strengthening border security, and modernizing the Texas Military Forces. Moreover, Representative Flynn helped secure funding for a new music hall and planetarium at the Texas A&M University at Commerce and procured the property for the Van Zandt County Veterans Memorial site in Canton, Texas. Representative Flynn's work as the Deputy Banking Commissioner of Texas reformed banking code statewide and established him as a leader in the banking industry.

A lifelong worshipper of the Church of the Nazarene, Representative Flynn was instrumental in the construction of several new churches. He served on the Dallas District Advisory Board for over 20 years and was also an active member of the Van Kiwanis and Canton Lion's Club. Likewise, Representative Flynn founded the Van Zandt County Council of Communities.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Representative Dan Flynn's extensive contributions to District 2 and the great people of Texas. Representative Flynn will be dearly missed by his friends, family, and colleagues.

HONORING EDWIDGE LABBE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Edwidge Labbe, my intern who has completed her Summer 2022 semester serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Edwidge has proven to be a very articulate young woman and shows great promise for her future endeavors.

Edwidge has assisted my office in various areas, such as education policy, constituent outreach, and research. She has demonstrated her ability to adapt and ask questions. Edwidge has presented excellent drive and a continuous willingness to learn.

The daughter of Jeanphillipe and Martine Labbe, Edwidge was raised in Delray, Florida. A proud Gator, she is enrolled in the University of Florida where she studies at the College of Liberal Arts. She also volunteers at Lake Forest Elementary in hopes of closing the opportunity gap amongst Black and brown children.

Upon transitioning from her internship, Edwidge will return to school to complete her final semester. She will continue to nurture her knowledge and use her experience and developing expertise to bridge the gap between experiential learning and professional development.